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Application No.: 09/818,605	)	
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Filed: March 28, 2001	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	March 13, 2003
AND METHOD	:	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is enclosed, together with an English-language Abstract. Applicants believe that the Abstract sufficiently summarizes the relevant aspects of the cited document.

The document was cited in an Office Action issued December 24, 2002 on counterpart Japanese patent application 2001-063922. A copy of that Office Action is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered.

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